



# STUDENT MEWS

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# **Happy Fall!**

Now that summer has come to an end, it's time to announce the winners of the 2022 Read Beyond the Beaten Path Summer Reading Program...

**Grand Prize: Angeline Crain** 

Runner-up: Svea Bergkvist

We had 43 students sign up for the 2022 Read Beyond the Beaten Path Summer Reading Program this year! Our weekly book discussions and activities were a fun way to share what everyone was reading and to get ideas of what to read next. We also had weekly drawings for prizes!

92% of participants who turned in their reading logs met either goal: reading at least six books or reading 20+ hours

over the summer! Great job to everyone who participated this year, and we look forward to another fun summer of reading next year!

#### **New Books for Fall!**

I Color Myself Different by Colin Kapernick. DB108166. A kindergarten school assignment and a brown crayon inspires young Colin and provides a

valuable lesson on embracing and celebrating his Black identity. Biography. For preschool-grade 2. 2022

Witchlings by Claribel Ortega.

DB108237. Every year, in the magical

town of Ravenskill, Witchlings who participate in the Black Moon Ceremony are placed into covens and come into their powers as full-fledged witches. Fantasy. For grades 4-7. 2022.



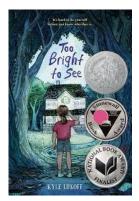
The Agathas by Kathleen Glasgow. DB108238. Alice's disappearance last summer is the biggest scandal at Castle Cove High School until her ex-boyfriend is accused of murdering his new girlfriend. Alice must pair up with her tutor Iris to clear his name by relying on the wisdom of Agatha Christie. Mystery. For senior high and older readers. 2022.

#### **Award Winners & Honors**

Fox at Night by Corey Tabor.

DB106955. Fox overcomes his fear of monsters when he meets real nocturnal animals. Theodor Seuss Geisel Award. For grades K-3. 2021.

<u>Too Bright to See</u> by Kyle Lukoff. DB105462. In the summer before middle school, eleven-year-old Bug



must contend with best friend Moira suddenly caring about clothes, makeup, and boys; a ghostly haunting; and the truth about Bug's gender identity.
Stonewall Book Award Winner. Newbery Honor. For grades 4-7. 2021.

A Game of Fox and Squirrels by Jenn Reese. DB100744. After an incident shatters their family, eleven-year-old Samantha and her older sister, Caitlin, are sent to live with an aunt they've never met. When Aunt Vicky gives Sam

a mysterious card game, Sam is swept up in the dangerous quest, where the line between magic and reality grows thin. Fantasy. 2021 Oregon Book Award Winner For grades 5-8. 2020.



The Dead and the Dark by Courtney Gould. DB104569. When Logan, the adopted daughter of reality television ghost hunters, teams up with Ashley to search for missing teens in Snakebite, Oregon, they find themselves falling for each other as they uncover a hidden evil. Oregon Book Award Winner. Fantasy. Horror. For senior high and older readers. 2021.



The Oregon Battle of the Books (OBOB) is a statewide voluntary reading program that encourages reading and

promotes teamwork among students. If you are participating in OBOB at your school and would like a cartridge with the titles for your grade level, just let us know! They are also available on BARD.

#### **OBOB Picks Grades 3-5**

The Dragon with a Chocolate Heart by Stephanie Burgis. DB094944. After drinking enchanted hot chocolate, a brave young dragon is transformed into a twelve-year-old human girl with a passion for chocolate. Fantasy. For grades 3-6. 2017.

The Best of Iggy by Annie Barrows. DB097976. Relates three times that nine-year-old Iggy got into trouble, two of which he does not regret and one for which he is very, very sorry. General Fiction. For grades 2-4. 2020.

Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson. DB092266. When six students are chosen to participate in a weekly talk with no adults allowed, they discover that when they're together, it's safe to share the hopes and fears they have to hide from the rest of the world. General Fiction. For grades 5-8. 2018.

**Spark** by Sarah Beth Durst. DB095482. Naturally quiet since birth, Mina and her

storm beast, Pixit, lead others like themselves in defying authority. They attempt to spread the truth that Alorria's idyllic weather comes at a steep cost. Fantasy. For grades 4-7, 2019.



#### **OBOB Picks Grades 6-8**

**Ghost Squad** by Claribel A. Ortega. DB105730. Shortly before Halloween,

Lucely and her best friend, Syd, cast a spell that accidentally awakens malicious spirits, wreaking havoc throughout St. Augustine. Together, they must join forces with Syd's witch



grandmother, Babette, and her tubby tabby, Chunk, to fight the haunting head-on. Horror. For grades 4-7. 2020.

<u>Blended</u> by Sharon M. Draper. DB093013. Eleven-year-old piano prodigy Isabella, who is of mixed race, never feels whole as racial tensions affect her school, her divorced parents both become engaged, and she and her stepbrother are stopped by police. General Fiction. For grades 4-7. 2018.

Girl in the Blue Coat by Monica Hesse.

DB087773. In 1943 Nazioccupied Amsterdam, Hanneke--a procurer of black-market goods--is tasked with finding a Jewish girl who has seemingly vanished into thin air. Historical Fiction. Mystery. Edgar Award.



For senior high and older readers. 2016.

Slider by Pete Hautman. BR022132. DB089272. Hoping to win a cash prize in a pizza-eating contest after accidentally racking up a tab on his mother's credit card, fourteen-year-old David juggles his competitive eating training with the responsibility of looking after his autistic younger brother, Mal. Humor. For grades 5-8. 2017.

# **OBOB Picks Grades 9-12**

**All Systems Red. Murderbot Diaries:** 

<u>1</u> by Martha Wells. DB092425. In a corporate-dominated, spacefaring future, security androids accompany exploratory teams. One team's self-aware droid has hacked itself and now refers to itself as "Murderbot." After a neighboring mission goes dark, Murderbot and its team must investigate. Strong language, violence. Science Fiction. For senior high and older readers. 2017.

A Boy and His Dog at the End of the World by C.A. Fletcher. DB094882.Griz lives on a remote island with his parents in a future where the population and

society as a whole has been greatly reduced. When a mysterious thief steals his dog, Griz is determined to track them down. Contains strong language and violence. Science Fiction. 2019.



You Should See Me in a Crown by Leah Johnson. DB099887. Liz Lighty has always believed she's too Black, poor, and awkward to shine in her small, rich, prom-obsessed Midwestern town. But when her music scholarship for college falls through, Liz's future suddenly depends on being voted for prom queen. Some strong language. General Fiction. For senior high and older readers. 2020.

What I Carry by Jennifer Longo. DB103425. Growing up in the foster care system has taught Muir to rely on only herself. But her perspective shifts when she meets Francine, Kira, and Sean. Romance. For senior high and older readers. 2020.



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# **New DVDS to Check out!**

The Addams Family 2. DVD0541.

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The Addams get tangled up in more wacky adventures and find themselves involved in hilarious run-ins with all sorts of unsuspecting characters. Starring Oscar Isaac, Charlize Theron, and Chloe



Grace Moretz. 2021. Rated PG.

<u>Cruella.</u> DVD0528. A live-action prequel that follows the story of a young Cruella de Vil before she stole all those beautiful puppies! Starring Emma Stone, Emma Thompson, Joel Fry, and Paul Walter Hauser. 2021. Rated PG-13.

# Paw Patrol: The Movie.

DVD0586. Ryder and the pups are called to Adventure City to stop Mayor Humdinger from turning the bustling metropolis into a state of



chaos. Starring Tyler Perry, Ron Pardo, and Will Brisbin. 2021. Rated PG.

Ghostbusters: Afterlife. DVD0548. When a single mom and her two kids arrive in a small town, they begin to discover their connection to the original Ghostbusters and the secret legacy their grandfather left behind. Starring Carrie Coon, Paul Rudd, and Finn Wolfhard. 2021. Rated PG-13.